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Malebolgia has returned. Hell is about to break loose on Earth.

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FOR CENTURIES, HELL'S FIRST CHOSEN HELL-SPAWN, AND ITS FIRST FAILURE, HAS BEEN TRYING TO REDEEM HIMSELF. HIS HUMAN NAME WAS COGLIOSTRO.
HE TRIED DOZENS OF TIMES TO STRIP ALL PRECEEDING HELLSPAWNS OF THEIR POWERS. ALL THOSE ATTEMPTS FAILED. NOW, THOUGH, HE BELIEVES HE CAN FINALLY STEAL THAT POWER FROM AL SIMMONS -- EARTH'S CURRENT HELLSPAWN.
BUT HIS TWO-STEP PLAN INCLUDED RESURRECTING HELL'S FORMER KING FROM ITS 7th LEVEL BANISHMENT.
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT KING HAS JUST SHOWN COGLIOSTRO WHO IS IN CHARGE.
NOW NEARLY EVERYTHING ON THE HIDDEN OMEGA ISLAND HAS BEEN RENDERED USELESS OR IS DEAD.

HAVING LEARNED HIS THRONE NO LONGER BELONGS TO HIM, THIS DEMONIC KING CALLED MALEBOLGIA IS GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS THRONE WILL BE HIS ONCE MORE.

BUT FOR NOW, MALEBOLGIA IS UNAWARE OF COGLISTRO'S HIDDEN AGENDA. HE THINKS HIS FORMER HELL-SPAWN IS JUST TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH HIM FOR HELPING TO RE-ANIMATE HIM.

Your island is wiped out. That energy BURST was just a small sample to warn you...

...I'll NEVER need your help!

You already had your chance, when I picked you to wear the symbiote before anyone else. That's when I needed your help, WHEN I needed you to succeed!
But YOU DIDN'T, did you?
I'M DIFFERENT NOW. BETTER!
LET ME SERVE YOU, AGAIN!
Redemption? That's what you're asking of me?
NO, I'M BEGGING YOU.
You're MISSING something if you want to serve me.

slit
You don't have my mark.
You want to show your loyalty, then carry my mark.
Forever.

COGLIOSTRO RECENTLY GAINED AN ABSURD AMOUNT OF POWER, STOLEN FROM TWO OTHER HELLSPAWNS.* HE ALSO CHANGED HIS NAME TO A MORE PRIMAL WORD: SINN.
SINCE THAT TIME HE HASN'T FELT ANY REAL PAIN... UNTIL NOW.
*See SPAWN'S UNIVERSE #1—Thomas
Now you belong.
Don't be shy, show me your allegiance.
THE MARK IS "M," THE FIRST LETTER OF MALEBOLGIA'S NAME, AND THE SAME LETTER ALL HIS HELLSPAWNS HAVE ALWAYS WORN UPON THEIR CHEST. COGLIOSTRO'S HUMILIATION IS NOW COMPLETE.
OR IS IT..?

FZKK
I TOLD YOU...
...I'VE CHANGED!
SHUNK

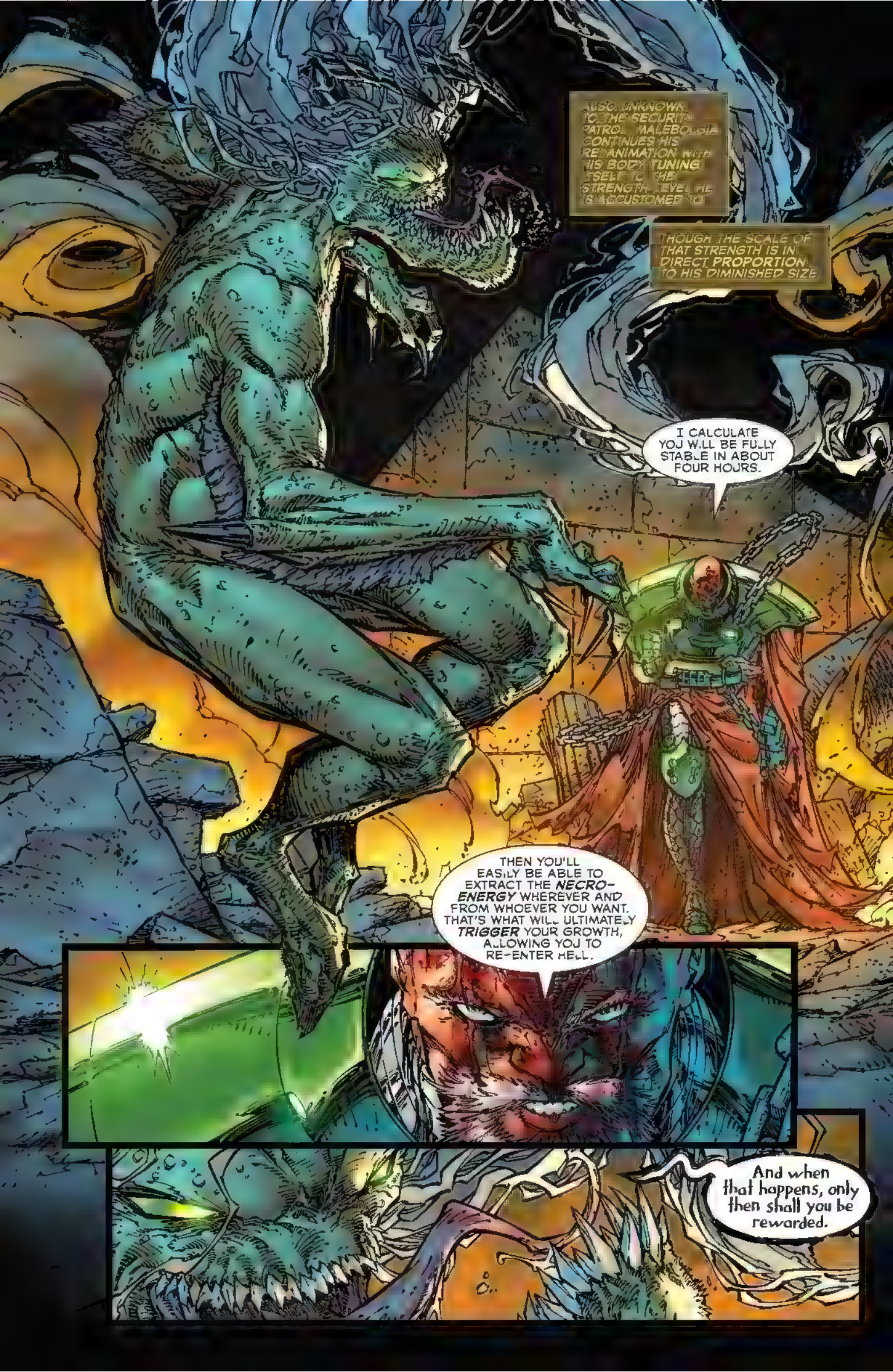
SINN COULD HAVE KILLED HIM. OR LET MALEBOLGIA BREAK HIS TREATY BY TOUCHING EARTH.
HE DID NEITHER.
HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF TO HIS FORMER MASTER.
SO...?

THE PACIFIC OCEAN. IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
YOU SEEM ANXIOUS. WE'LL BE THERE SOON.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR *CREW*? WE MIGHT NEED THEM, AND I SURE HOPE THEY CAN DO MORE THAN STEER A BOAT.
I PICKED THIS GROUP SPECIFICALLY. YOU WON'T NEED TO ***WORRY*** ABOUT THEM, THEY'LL COME WHEN WE SIGNAL.
BOSS! WE'RE NEARING THE COORDINATES YOU GAVE US.
GOOD. PUT EVERYONE ON STANDBY.

COME.
THERE'S ONE SMALL DETAIL LEFT.
WE'VE REACHED OUR DESTINATION..
...TIME TO DO YOUR PART. SO, MAKE THE CALL.
THE CAPTIVE IS AN AGENT OF HEAVEN, RECRUITED TO HELP OTHERS HIDE AN ISLAND FROM HUMAN DETECTION. FOR WHAT PURPOSE, HE WAS NEVER TOLD. BUT HE WORKED WITH THOSE WHO BUILT THE CLOAKING SHIELD.
HEY, VIJAY, I NEED TO DO A QUICK MAINTENANCE CHECK FOR THE B.G-SHOTS. YOU MIND BRINGING THE SHIELD DOWN FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES?
THANKS. I OWE YOU.

BLUDD TELLS SPAWN THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND TRAVEL BY AIR. SPAWN, TRAVELLING IN THE SHADOWS, WAS GOING TO SET OFF ALARMS.
ONCE WE GET PAST THEIR PATROLS, WE'LL NEED TO ENTER FROM UNDERWATER.
SPAWN, HAVING BEEN TO OMEGA ISLAND BEFORE,* TELLS THE VAMPIRE LORD WHERE THE BEST ENTRANCE IS.
BESIDE HAVING TO NAVIGATE ON TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS, BOTH SPAWN AND BLUDD WELCOME THE CHANCE TO BE ABLE TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS ONCE MORE!
*Spawn #305-306 – Thomas
THEN AT A PRECISE TIME, THEY FOLD THEIR WINGS, DIVING INTO THE DARK, ICY WATERS, UNDETECTED.

WE JUST RECEIVED WORD THE SHIELD IS BACK UP
ODD TIME FOR AN UPDATE. WE ALL CLEAR?
PICKING UP A READING OF SOMETHING LARGE. SWITCHING TO SECTOR NINE DEPTH DETECTOR.
CAN YOU IDENTIFY?
"JUST ABOUT HAVE IT... OH, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IT'S ANOTHER POD OF KILLER WHALES HEADING SOUTH. THAT'S THE FIFTH GROUP IN THE LAST FEW DAYS."
"MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT HUGE ENERGY BURST FROM THE ISLAND. THEY EVER TELL US WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?"
"NAW, WE'RE ALWAYS THE LAST TO KNOW EVERYTHING. WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?"


UNKNOWN TO THE SECURITY PATROL, MALEBOLGIA CONTINUES HIS RE-ANIMATION WITH HIS BODY TUNING ITSELF TO THE STRENGTH LEVEL HE IS ACCUSTOMED TO
THOUGH THE SCALE OF THAT STRENGTH IS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO HIS DIMINISHED SIZE
I CALCULATE YOU WILL BE FULLY STABLE IN ABOUT FOUR HOURS.
THEN YOU'LL EASILY BE ABLE TO EXTRACT THE NECRO-ENERGY WHEREVER AND FROM WHOEVER YOU WANT. THAT'S WHAT WILL ULTIMATELY TRIGGER YOUR GROWTH, ALLOWING YOU TO RE-ENTER HELL.
And when that happens, only then shall you be rewarded.

But I also sent thousands of demons... avatars that would rise up the moment they 'FELT' my presence return. I'll soon learn who stayed loyal through all that time.
Starting with YOU, my consigliere. Did you remain loyal?
I NEVER WAVERED, MY LORD
Then why were you stopping Cogliostro, instead of helping him?
BECAUSE OF THE TREATY.
YOU KNOW WHAT *HAPPENS* IF IT GETS BROKEN
So, you're still committed?
YES. FORGIVE ME FOR NOT DOING THIS *LONG* AGO

AS HAS BEEN THE TOPIC FOR WEEKS NOW, WE ARE ALL GRAPPLING WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW WE ALL PERSONALLY ***CONTINUE*** TO LIVE OUR LIVES? THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR WORLD IS FILLED WITH HUNDREDS, PERHAPS THOUSANDS, OF ***SUPER-BEINGS*** HAS HAD US ALL RE-EXAMINE HOW WE SPEND OUR DAYS. BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT ALL THOSE BEINGS ARE NOT GOING TO BE HEROES. COMBINE THAT WITH SEEING THAT TOWERING GIANT CREATURE IN OREGON AND WE ARE ALL LEFT WITH THE SIMPLE QUESTION: ***WHAT NOW?***

HISTORICALLY, THIS SEEMS TO HARKEN BACK TO THE EARLY 1960'S WHEN AMERICA AND RUSSIA WERE IN THE THROES OF THEIR ***COLD WAR.*** NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION WAS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY FOR OUR COUNTRY, BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION WAS ABLE TO LOWER THE TEMPERATURE ON THAT GLOBAL CONFLICT

I REMEMBER ***WELL*** WHEN MY PARENTS TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE ***DRILLS*** AT THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SURVIVAL TACTICS ANTICIPATING A ***NUCLEAR BLAST*** AND ALL THE RADIATION THOSE BOMBS WOULD UNLEASH. SO, LITERALLY, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY DID NOT ***KNOW*** FROM DAY TO DAY WHETHER VAST PARTS OF AMERICA WOULD EVEN CONTINUE TO ***EXIST...*** AND YET, PEOPLE FOUND A WAY TO GO ***BACK*** TO THEIR NORMAL ROUTINES, AND SOMEHOW DEAL WITH THE ***HORRIFIC*** POSSIBILITY HANGING OVER HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLES' ***HEADS.***

SADLY, WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH THOSE ***SAME*** TYPES OF THOUGHTS. WILL ***MORE*** MONSTERS APPEAR? WILL WE BE SAVED BY THESE SUPER-BEINGS ***ONCE AGAIN?*** WHAT IF THEY ***CAN'T*** STOP THE NEXT ATTACK? AND WHY IS OUR GOVERNMENT FIGHTING WITH ***ITSELF*** TRYING TO GIVE US COMFORT?

WE JUST WANT SOME SEMBLANCE OF ***ORDER*** SO WE CAN PLAN OUR ***FUTURES.*** LOOK, IT'S ALL ***SHITTY OUT THERE--*** GLOBAL STOCK MARKETS ARE ***TANKING,*** SOME ***GROCERY*** SHELVES ARE EMPTY, AND A GENERAL ***PANIC*** IS ALL THAT MANY OF US HAVE LEFT. DO WE SEND OUR KIDS TO ***SCHOOL?*** DO WE GO TO ***WORK?*** AND IF WE ***DON'T,*** HOW DO WE GET ANY PEACE AN' QUIET, OR ***PAY*** FOR ANYTHING??

NOW DEMOCRATS ***AND*** REPUBLICANS ARE FIGHTING IN ***CONGRESS,*** AND THE ***SENATE*** JUST ***ARGUES*** ABOUT WHAT KINDS OF LAWS SHOULD BE PASSED TO ***PROTECT*** US FROM... ***WHATEVER.*** ALL THE WHILE OUR ***PRESIDENT*** IS MORE INTERESTED IN ***GOLFING*** THAN ***HELPING.*** SO, WE'RE ***ON OUR OWN*** ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ***JUST LIKE ALWAYS.*** THIS IS LITERALLY

I don't believe you.
GRAVEROBBERS TOOK SOME OF YOUR SKELETON, THIS DEMON FOUGHT AS WELL AS HE COULD TO PREVENT THAT, BUT HE WAS OUT-NUMBERED!
I should kill you BOTH and do this alone.
YOU CAN'T. IF I DIE, IT SEVERS THE LINK THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE.
WITHOUT THAT-- YOU'LL NEVER GROW BACK TO YOUR TRUE FORM OR HAVE THE POWER TO REGAIN YOUR THRONE.
I DID THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW HOW YOU'D RESPOND AFTER ALL THIS TIME... AND I'D LIKE TO LIVE.
You created a back-up plan, to survive?
YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.
Clever. So, you've learned the art of deception, too.

You'll live.
For now.
But what you, and every soldier of Heaven and Hell, needs to learn is FEAR!
HIS FIRST BLAST ONLY SCORCHED THE ISLAND. THIS TIME HIS MESSAGE TRAVELS MUCH FARTHER.
DEATH FREE... HERE'S EVERY SHADOW PLAYER HERE ON EARTH!

Now, they'll know I'm ready to take BACK my throne.
OUTSIDE NEAR THE BLAST'S EPICENTER A FIGURE CALMLY STANDS UNSCATHED
MOST EVERYTHING AROUND HIM DESTROYED BUT ONCE AGAIN THIS MAN AL SIMMONS SHOWS WHY WHEN HIS LEGACY IS WRITTEN THAT HE WAS THE GREATEST HELLSPAWN THAT EVER LIVED
HE NOW MAKES HIMSELF A PROMISE THAT HE'S PREPARED TO KILL HIS CREATOR ONCE AGAIN

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NEED MORE SPAWN'S UNIVERSE?

DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES!

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